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Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister
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Wellington 6160



1 December 2018

Dear Prime Minister

A copy of this letter is also being sent to the Right Honourable Winston Peters, Hon James Shaw, and Hon Marama Davidson.

We would like to congratulate the Labour led Coalition Government on the past year's achievements. As long time Labour Party supporters (now members) we were happy to volunteer at the recent Annual Labour Party Conference held in Dunedin. It was good to feel and be part of the enthusiasm generated by the Election win last year.

We also want to congratulate you and Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters for representing New Zealand so well on the world stage.

We do have significant concerns though, about legislation which the government introduced earlier this year, namely the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Amendment Bill (BDMRR Bill). In particular we are worried that the implications and possible unintended consequences of the self identification provision, introduced late in the day by the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand, have not been fully addressed.

As outlined in the Letter to all Members of Parliament hosted by the website Speak Up for Women (<https://speakupforwomen.nz/>) it seems that "a person may change their birth certificate sex via a simple administrative process, involving a statutory declaration that they "identify" as a person of the opposite sex. There is no longer any need for medical evidence, physical change, or even a change in appearance

We agree that we should recognise and respect the right of transgender people to live their lives in their chosen identity, and we understand why having a birth certificate consistent with that identity is important to them. We support simplifying this procedure for transpeople.

However, what we wish to have clarified is whether a man who self identifies as a woman but has no intention of changing their male body will have a legal right to enter female only spaces, such as women's toilets, changing rooms, women's refuges, hostels, or prisons.

Will this self identification provision for gender identity override sex based protections for women and girls? Will the seeming conflation of biological sex and gender identity render meaningless the current protections in the Human Rights Act 1993 against sex based discrimination and provisions for sex segregated facilities and services?

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These concerns were raised in submissions to the Select Committee when this amendment to the Bill was originally introduced and are continuing to be raised by women as evidenced by Charlie Montague's Petition No 2017/235 (this petition attracted 1616 signatures in three weeks), and letters to Tracey Martin and all Members of Parliament through Speak Up for Women.

We would ask that either more wide ranging consultation take place and more policy work be done by the Department of Internal Affairs, or at the very least that the draft Supplementary Order Paper attached to the letter sent to all MPs by the Speak Up for Women group be considered.

The concerns around how this amendment was introduced, lack of consultation, and seeking of clarification around access to female only spaces have been met with astonishing hostility. This hostility has not only come from what seems to be an extreme group within the transgender community but also, to our dismay, from certain government MPs. These MPs, who by misrepresenting women's concerns as prejudice and hatred of the transgender community, have given tacit approval to the continuing hostility. This hostility has led some people to prefer to remain anonymous on the Letter to all Members of Parliament hosted by the website Speak Up for Women, for fear of reprisal.

It is ironic that women's voices are being silenced in the year we celebrate 125 years of Women's Suffrage. We would ask you Prime Minister to look carefully at the concerns expressed on the website Speak Up for Woman. These concerns come from ordinary Kiwis from all walks of life, who have no agenda other than protecting women's existing rights to female only spaces.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: The Right Honourable Winston Peters, Hon James Shaw and Hon Marama Davidson

Document 26:

From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Thursday, 6 December 2018 1:31 PM

To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Changes to the BDMRR Act

Dear Minister,

I write to you with great concerns over the proposed changes to this Act. I am particularly worried that the proposed changes have not been adequately explored, and that there is an unacceptable risk of unintended consequences.

I am also concerned that there appears to be little room to question the implications of this act without being characterised as somehow anti-progressive. I suggest that the strength of the Coalition government has been to tackle the tough issues and to do so with respect and compassion.

It is important that the government protect the rights of its citizens, and that people are free to live as they wish.

There are risks to women when men are able to identify as (trans)women and have legal access to women's spaces that have been established precisely because they are a necessary precaution to women's safety (women's prisons/women's shelters)

'Trans' is a wide umbrella term, that many different positions and viewpoints sit under, it is not a unified, single category. There are trans people who object to demands made by others within the trans community. Often well-meaning people outside of the trans community are seeking to be good ally's, but are not fully aware of these internal tensions and debates. It is unhelpful when politicians simply repeat slogans that deem any critique as a 'phobia' and do not really engage with the underlying issues.

One category of people who identify as women are men who socially transition but remain physically male and sexually attracted to woman. Some of these people refer to their penises as 'lady dick' and are abusive if lesbian women refuse them sexually. This behaviour is criticised by some within the trans community, but others are supportive. Clearly this situation presents complexities in protecting people's rights, and this is further amplified when access to 'women only' spaces are being legally demanded by this group of people - changing rooms at swimming pools, prisons, women's DV shelters

I would ask that you please vote against the administrative changes presented and instead let's begin a public conversation which I believe along with many more social issues will be the future generations challenge to navigate through.

Please promote the need for public consultation on this issue as the unintended consequences of this change are significant.

Kind regards

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Sunday, 9 December 2018 5:14 PM

To: Hon Julie Anne Genter <JulieAnne.Genter@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: The Birth, Death, Marriage, Relationship and Registration Act 1995

Dear Julie Anne Genter, I am writing to you in your capacity as Minister of Women's Affairs in regard to the self-ID provision in the above Act.

Under the proposal a person may change their birth certificate sex via a simple administrative process involving a statutory declaration that they "identify" as a person of the opposite sex. There is no longer any need for medical evidence, physical change of even a change in appearance.

In light of these suggested changes I have some questions which I hope you will be able to answer.

What will be the impact of self-ID on women's rights and legal protection?

Will this reform spell the end to single sex spaces (such as women's toilets, changing rooms, etc.) and the provision of single sex services such as those provided by rape crisis centres and women's refuges?

Will self identified trans women have to be given access to (women only) sex segregated spaces (and trans men (men in only spaces)? If so, is this going to be clearly communicated to the public/charitable organisations, business owners so that everyone knows what their legal rights and obligations are?

Trans-gender women who have gone through the process of changing their appearance through medication and possibly surgery are of course no threat to ordinary women. They have signalled their intent to truly live as women by going through this process. The major concern is around those predatory men who may see the self-identification process as mean of gaining access to hitherto protected women and girls spaces such as noted above.

How is the self-ID going to actually work. Who will be monitoring the statutory declarations? How will the intent be known as genuine? Will there be person to person interviews or just an application on-line? Is the statutory declaration the beginning of the process of changing the male or female body to the desired one of the opposite sex or can a self-identified 'female' remain in a fully functioning male body? If so, that obviously has major concerns for their motive in declaring their preferred identity as female and the safety of women and girls if they can legally access women's safe spaces in a fully functioning male body.

The concern around access to at present legally protected spaces for women and girls is a recurring theme throughout the submissions to the Governance and Administration Select Committee and in the letters sent to Tracy Martin, and all NZ MPs by Speak Up for Women, a non-partisan network of New Zealanders concerned with the implications and unintended consequences of this proposed change to the Act.

It has been truly disheartening to witness the response to these hundreds of concerned New Zealanders, exercising their right in a democratic society to ask questions of their Government around a piece of legislation which could have profound implications for women and girls in New Zealand.

I quote from a submission presented to the Governance and Administration Select Committee by a woman.

"I have asked to speak to the committee privately today due to the intense harassment, ostracism and bullying people face when they raise genuine questions or concerns with gender self-identification or "sex nomination". This is particularly true for women. Statements such as: we are "trash" who "deserve to be eradicated" are commonplace; along with vicious character assassinations, workplace lobbying and threats of physical violence. I have submitted to the committee further examples of such abuse as supplementary evidence."

I signed the letter to all NZ MPs and was happy to put my full name and electorate identity, but many women preferred to remain anonymous for fear of reprisal. This is completely unacceptable in a fair and democratic society which I believe New Zealand is. I have not seen any evidence of bigotry or hatred towards trans-people in the submissions to Parliament or in the signatories to the letter from Speak Up for Women.

The situation in Britain where a 3 month public consultation was called by the British Government for a similar change to their Gender Recognition Act elicited truly horrifying vitriol, intimidation, physical harassment and actual assault. Women who merely wished to gather and discuss the implications of changes in the Act were called trans-phobic, bigoted, TERFs (which is used derogatively) and prevented from getting into the building chosen for the meetings. I recommend you look at Woman's Place UK which explains in detail what these women and trans women supporters faced.

In fact the situation has become so toxic due to the extreme trans activists that a number of prominent trans-gender women have sent a letter to The Times of London expressing their concerns.

PLEA TO TRANS LOBBY

Sir, As transsexual people we are dismayed by the escalation in harassment, threats and abuse directed at women and women's groups in the name of "transgender rights activism" ("Trans lobby sent me death threats, claims professor", Dec 6). In the past few years violent rhetoric on social media has spilt over into real life too often. After the harassment of Julie Bindel and the Working Class Movement Library, the physical assault on Maria Maclachlan and the recent use of "masked-up" tactics at a feminist meeting in Bristol, we are horrified by the intimidation and abuse directed at the human rights expert Rosa Freedman.

We seek to find common cause with women against male violence and we condemn the threats, harassment and intimidation of women who argue that sex-based protections are vital in a society still punctuated by sexism. Women are oppressed because of their sex, not some metaphysical gender identity. We are concerned that women are being dehumanised as "TERFs" (trans-exclusionary radical feminists) in order for abusive males to unleash misogynistic rhetoric and violent abuse with impunity.

We call for respectful discussion and debate, and for transgender rights activists to distance themselves from physical violence and attacks on free speech carried out in their name

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I would hope the Government would unequivocally condemn similar abusive speech or action towards the women and some men here in New Zealand who have exercised their democratic right to speak to a piece of legislation which may have profound effects upon them.

I believe it behoves all MPs to read the letter sent by the Speak Up for Women website and the accompanying signatories to the letter. This Labour led Government promised to be transparent and accountable. This is all I and many others are asking for,

Sincerely,

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Thursday, 20 December 2018 11:45 AM

To: T Martin (MIN) <t.martin@ministers.govt.nz>

Subject: Raising Concerns

Tena koe Hon Tracey Martin,

I'm concerned your office has not adequately considered the impacts of changes to the Births, Deaths and Marriages Act.

9(2)(a) It was not published or taken into account by select committee. Please consider reading the report when you have time in the summer holidays.

I have included a copy of the Speak Up For Women Letter To Hon Tracey Martin too from the website <http://speakupforwomen.nz>

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Sunday, 6 January 2019 3:42 PM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: concerns on the self Id law

I'm writing to express my objection to the proposed changes to the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill.

I am all for categories of intersex and trans male and trans female and standard protections that all humans should enjoy. The law should allow for the description of what is not what one wants.

I have serious concern about the protection remaining for women's safety.

You will be aware of the issues in regard to prisons, gyms and the increased rates of violence against women in self Id and shared facilities. Are we failing in our duty of care to children by allowing self ID where their care and safety are concerned? Self ID is a perfect vehicle for pedophiles.

I am already worried for my safety when I cannot now say or write that lesbians do not have penises nor can I say or write that women and girls have vaginas. I am harassed and called a terf if I describe this way (even by MPs) and in this and many ways women and lesbians are silenced once again by those invoking the power of their male privilege.

I am very worried that I will lose my job in the public service for simply expressing that woman is an adult human female. It takes courage for me to wear this on a tee shirt and step outside.

I am very very unhappy that our unique identity as women is being stolen by redefinition excluding the biological and experiential aspects and the profound interaction of those elements in shaping identity as women. This is just not an opt in fluid identity that you can put on and off like a coat. It is not just socially defined but has biological and other aspects.

I am beyond myself with worry about very young people being led into real hatred of their own bodies by the sexist classical stereotypes of boy and girl used to determine their identity and the consequent medicalisation. I do think when they are older this will be a situation on par with the Catholic Church's abuses and you will need to shoulder your role in this.

As a lesbian I am horrified at how I would have absolutely been steered into transgenderism if I was young today as now being a tomboy immediately raises the question of whether you are the right gender rather than gender stereotypes. Now my body would be wrong rather than society being sexist. I am concerned that most young people who show signs of unsettledness with their gender do just turn out to be gay/lesbian so say goodbye to what were once described as butch lesbians or effeminate gays who are happy healthy adults now.

And what about sports (say goodbye to biological women winning ever)?

And what about statistics regarding biological sex and health/crime etc? This is important.

It would not be okay for me as a white person to identify as Maori without having the heritage and biology by my determining what they can say a Maori is, so why is it okay to let men do this to women?

I am perplexed at trans men espousing that they are the other gender and then doing arguably the most woman thing they can do (pregnancy and child birth)- how can that be reconciled with a sureness that you are really a man?

As someone who has fought tirelessly for human rights over the years, from the front lines of Springbok tour protests through Take back the night matches etc I am in despair at this.

This law mocks our living breathing reality as women and silences our voices.

Here is an article that expresses this so much better than I can

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 2:32 PM
To: Hon Chris Hipkins <Chris.Hipkins@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill

Dear Hon. Hipkins,

As my electorate MP, please vote against this bill.

I'm going to add this bit at the start as I know my statements would "earn" me the epithet "TERF". I do not wish ill on any person with body dysphoria, as they have a serious mental health condition that requires treatment.

Humans, like every other great ape, exist as only two sexes: female and male. Sex is defined by the size and motility of the gametes. Females have relatively large and non-motile gametes (ova). Males have relatively small and motile gametes (spermatozoa). These arise from the combination of the "sex" chromosome pair: XX is female, XY is male.

(There are other forms, all of which are considered disorders of sexual development, and frequently result in intellectual problems which is normal for other disorders with an incorrect number of chromosomes. There's also some disorders relating to how the SRY gene isn't properly activated. Again, these are disorders of sexual development and are not related to transgender. Additionally, how can a diagnosis of "disorder of sexual development" exist if the definition of sexual development isn't predicated on sex, i.e. the sex chromosomes present?)

It is not possible to change one's sex. It is not possible to remove a Y chromosome and replace it with an X. Every cell in the body containing a nucleus is sexed.

The signifier on the birth certificate is sex. This is because it shows the sex of the person - whether they are XX or XY. That is all that female/male, girl/boy, woman/man refers to. Sex.

Gender, on the other hand, is an amorphous concept. Common usage (and the term gender is relatively recent, setting aside its historical use in various languages such as French and German) of gender has meant it is used to refer to sex, apparently because many people are too embarrassed to write "sex". In radical feminism, we use "gendered" (derived from the word "gender", as you would expect) to refer to cultural norms that have been associated with one sex in particular. For example, motor mechanic is an occupation that is gendered male, because men are the workers in the vast majority of cases. Nursing is an occupation that is gendered female, because women have formed the vast majority of workers.

So the gender of occupations, clothing, music genres, movie genres, apps, and so forth are based on the sex of typical users/consumers.

We radical feminists have been trying to remove gender for the past 50 years. We think it is a nonsense that there are gendered clothes, or gendered jobs, or gendered housework and caregiving tasks and so forth.

We have also fought for equal rights for women. We fought for women getting the vote. We fought for women getting equal pay for work of equal value. We fought for female representation in higher skilled jobs. We fought for women in sport. We're still fighting for these last couple.

And now we're told that a man can become a woman, or a boy can become a girl (these are the main stories, there's comparatively very few for the opposite). This is because gender is being inflated with sex, when convenient. It is not possible to change sex. As I said earlier, the sex chromosomes exist in every cell in the body that contains a nucleus.

Women have been discriminated on the basis of our sex. We have not been discriminated on the basis of our gender.

When we were prevented from higher education, saying "but I'm a bloke" or "I'm a male trapped in a woman's body" would not have stopped this discrimination.

Were we prevented from voting on the basis of our gender? No. We were considered too stupid and too emotive to vote.

Were we prevented from being given equal pay because of our gender? Were we ignored for promotions on the basis of our gender? Heck no. We were discriminated against on the basis of sex. Heavens forbid that a measly woman get the same pay as a man. And all women are just going to run off and have babies, or take loads of time off work for childcare, so no promotions for them!

This bill is anti-woman. It is removing our legislative rights. If anyone can self-identify as a woman, how are women's rights protected? How do you define "woman" so that anti-discrimination breaches can be identified and addressed? If a woman is "anyone who feels like a woman", how is feeling like a woman defined? This is circular reasoning.

Having male-to-trans representatives on boards, or in executive positions, does not even up the sex gap in these areas.

Having well-paid male-to-trans being counted as women will "disappear" the pay gap between men and women, even though it will still exist.

Having male offenders counted as female offenders will inflate the rate of violent crime committed by "women" and decrease that committed by "men". It will also put violent men in women's prisons - prisons that contain extremely vulnerable women who will be easily victimised.

Having men compete as women is already destroying women's sports. Look at weight lifting and competitive cycling in New Zealand. In Australia, a male-to-trans broke a woman's leg during a game (this person: <https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/sport/afl/transgender-footballer-hannah-mouncey-nominates-for-aflw-draft-20171013-gz0a5e.html>).

There is no outcome here that is good for women. Female-to-trans aren't going to suddenly start smashing records in men's sport. Incarcerating female-to-trans in men's prisons is going to create a huge violence risk for those offenders. Female-to-trans aren't going to become over-represented on boards, or as executives.

How does any of this represent a fair deal for New Zealand women?

Now let's come to race. There is no chromosome pair that defines race. From a gene perspective, there's no way to define "race". Race is primarily socially constructed. For me as NZ Pakeha to claim I am trans-Maori would be racist in the extreme. But given that there is a clear genetic demarcation between the sexes, which hinges on the presence or absence of a Y chromosome, why is transgender treated as an actual, biological, fact?

Please talk to others in the party. Our prime minister encounters misogyny because she is a woman, not because she feels like a woman. Our prime minister was pregnant and gave birth because she is a fertile woman, not because she feels like a woman. Our first and second female prime ministers were disparaged for their looks, clothing choices, and decisions because they are women.

Please look after the rights of New Zealand girls and women and vote against this bill. If nothing else, the backlash against UK Labour and Greens is probably a preview of what will happen if Labour and Greens support these types of bills in New Zealand. You're handing ammunition to conservative parties.

I'm happy to have a conversation with you about this topic.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 7:19 PM

To: Dinah Okeby <dinah.okeby@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Attention the Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern: Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill , 2nd reading

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you to express extreme concern over the possible changes to legislation allowing self-identity to be sufficient for the change of sex on a birth certificate.

The process concerning this Bill has been undemocratic, since self-ID proposals were not included in the Bill when it was first introduced to Parliament on 10 August 2017.

There has been no widespread discussion in New Zealand about the proposed change in the legislation, so Members of Parliament cannot claim to be well informed before they vote on this in February.

The proposed change would mean that a person with a male body, including male genitalia, could be officially recorded as female simply by a declaration of "feeling like a woman", with no medical procedure necessary, no evidence of his having lived as a woman, or any other supporting evidence. It is difficult to imagine any other procedure being introduced into our society with so little discussion or reasoning.

There is an abundance of evidence from overseas, particularly the United Kingdom, as to the harms that can accrue to women and girls as a result of the push from male-to-female transpeople to be accepted as women, with unlimited access to women's spaces in hospitals and prisons and the potential risks if m-t-f transsexuals are able to enter women's lavatories, changing rooms, and so on. Women have fought long and hard over many decades for measures to alleviate their disadvantaged position in society - for example, women's refuges and rape crisis centres were set up after years of pressure from women's organisations, because of the horrific level of male violence against women. Those spaces need to remain inviolate, for women-born women only.

It is notable, is it not, that it is male-to-female transpeople who are leading the charge for these changes, not women who have transitioned as men? The transwomen activists are shown - for example in the sports area, where they are now taking women's championships and medals because of their superior body strength and size - to be operating from a base of male entitlement, male psychological power and male physical power. In other words, they are behaving like men, even though they claim to identify as women.

I wish to make clear that I am not talking about the genuine cases of gender dysphoria, where individuals suffer great distress through feeling they are in the "wrong body". Those people are entitled to appropriate support and to full and equal human rights. My concern is with the small group of activists who by some extraordinary feat have managed overseas to intimidate officials in local and national governments and in academic institutions and non-government organisations to the extent that no questioning of what is going on is allowed and a policy of silence has been enforced. Anyone who dares to raise concerns is labelled transphobic and trans-exclusionary, even to the extent of prominent and well respected women being labelled as Nazis and fascists. You may have seen from *The Guardian* (16 October 2018) an open letter from 54 British academics who have been forbidden by their universities to discuss with their students any aspect of research into transgender issues. The harassment and silencing of dissenting voices or the voices of those merely seeking further discussions on these issues is a real danger to free speech, and it is happening right here and now in New Zealand, as well as overseas. The apparent "sneaking through" of this proposed change is an example of that.

I urge you to vote against the Bill as it stands and to ensure the country and the House have the opportunity to thoroughly examine the implications of what is being sought.

Yours sincerely

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From: (2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 18 January 2019 11:39 AM
To: Hon Grant Robertson <Grant.Robertson@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Sex-self ID BDMRR Bill

Dear Hon Grant Robertson

I have emailed you earlier about my opposition to sex -self ID and my request you conduct a full public consultation and risk assessment on the harms to sex protections for women and girls under the NZ Human Rights Act as well as more generally.

As Minister for Sports I urge you to consider the destruction of women/girls sport when biological males under the guise of transgender are allowed to compete. There is no incentive for female athletes to compete at any level if they are beaten by males - this is sexism at it's worst.

Please find attached a PDF from Kiwi Antics where a wide range of NZer's are expressing massive opposition to transgender males competing against females.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Hon Nikki Kaye
Shadow Minister for Sport

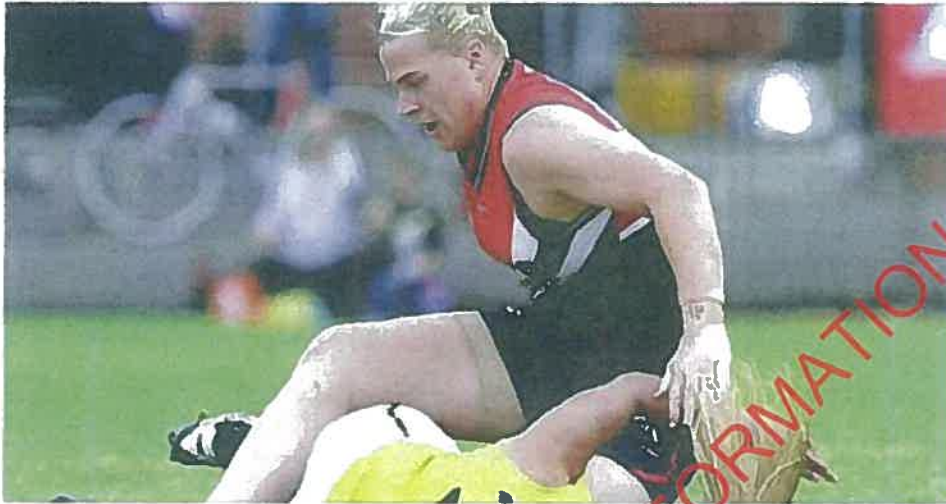
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9(2)(a) hence why they state it's a transgender woman.

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9(2)(a) There should be a separate division for transgender. Totally unfair.

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9(2)(a) This comes down to biology, they are still male and have an unfair advantage over biological females. Wrong.

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9(2)(a) They have Paralympics so why not transolympics?

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9(2)(a) agreed...

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9(2)(a) It's a bloke who grew his hair out. Nothing else as far as I've seen. Don't forget the mma fight where th woman got fucked up and the high school wrestling matches that got dominated.

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9(2)(a) There was a MMA fighter the same. So wrong.

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9(2)(a) If it's got a dick, it's still a prick...

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9(2)(a) even a transgender catagory would b unfare unless its trans m or f

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9(2)(a) I'm a 5'2" woman who often gets referred to as a transgender&epa=SEARCH_BOX

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... woman who often gets referred to as having 'man strength'. I think sports should be done on a person's biological sex which is a word wide commonality and not gender which is subject to change as society sees fit.

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Doesn't really seem fair. I fully support transgender people. But unfortunately no matter what gender they identify with their genetic makeup is the gender they were born as. And for a transgender woman who was born a male this gives them advantages in sport... that's not to say women aren't kick ass but a transgender woman just has more ummph in her tank

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I agree with Belinda, it's an unfair advantage

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Playing a women cause it get smashed in men's league I laugh at it

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Thats just bullshit and not fair on woman .

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Every womans team should get a man in their team to even things up just grow you hair and paint you nails.

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Not against trans at all, but thats totally unfair to biological woman...

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Every chromosome in his body is male except for sperm - being transgender is a mental disorder not biological - if you had schizophrenia and people reinforced it by saying yes the voices are real - how would that play out for those people - it's just comical that society has decided that this is OK

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i dont agree tbh its rubbish but ladies if u come accross a trans male playin female smash the hell out of them

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no trans people shouldnt be in prefered gender sports other wise all men that dont make it in the mens teams will just switch to womens wont they

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Just making a mockery of womens sports. They need to boycott any competitions that allow women with dicks to compete agaist them.

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They're just gonna cut off their dicks then but keep all their male muscle

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Thats so unfair. I cant even believe he was allowed.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsSIEmfNvEA>

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watch this its very good

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quite interesting

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No, just f**king no...

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what he said

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Sorry but it's an unfair advantage wen they compete in the womens section.sports need to organize transgender comps .

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when the tables are turned its amazing how many people do not adree.

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Trans Olympic games. ...

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And sport was the winner on the day because anyone who says otherwise is transphobic.... what a load of shit fuck off and play in the weirdo league

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9(2)(a)

That's like the one in running more male then female won all the races against women should not be allowed

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9(2)(a)

There is no such thing as a transgender.... That word is a pathetic weak excuse for a disease that needs to be looked after in a medical way.

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9(2)(a)

Well of course he is dominating women's sports. More muscle mass and higher bone density. Huge advantage.

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and being 6ft 3 and 256 lbs doesnt hurt

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9(2)(a)

Well I was generalising about all these trans men athletes. But yes fair comment, neither of those physical attributes would hurt his performance.

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9(2)(a)

Aw mate, not only do they need their own gender ID marriage rights and toilets. They need their own sports teams too

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9(2)(a)

Yeeaahh naaaah

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9(2)(a)

What a scam transgender my ass if a dog is born in a stable does that make it a horse

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9(2)(a)

If u physically have a lahoa and play a physical sport then ur a male or man thats what its about not if u feel like a woman then u can play physical sport with other woman lol nnnnnooooo lol

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Wrong in so many different directions.

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9(2)(a) Not Fair... The biological differences give that athlete an unfair advantage

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9(2)(a) Born with penis = MALE
Born with a vagina = FEMALE



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9(2)(a) Of course he did

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9(2)(a) These guys will never be female. Just wannabe's born with a brain malfunction.

Like · Reply · 22h

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9(2)(a) I wouldn't say it's a malfunction. It's hard to know what creates this wanting to change sexes...

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9(2)(a) If the people can't see the unfairness of what they are doing, themselves, then there is definitely a brain problem. It's definitely outside the definition of sportsmanship.

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9(2)(a) He is still a man. Ridiculous and unfair

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9(2)(a) This is so unfair

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9(2)(a) its very wrong

Like · Reply · 22h

9(2)(a) This isn't right

Like · Reply · 22h

9(2)(a) They can still play soccer

Like · Reply · 22h

9(2)(a)

Like · Reply · 22h

9(2)(a) If born with a dick you are a male

Like · Reply · 22h

9(2)(a) Amen

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9(2)(a) Trans hua's should be playing against other trans hua's,women vs women,men vs men,trans hua's against women is unfair,trans hua's should be playing against men as well then

Like · Reply · 22h

9(2)(a) Transys against Trannys otherwise its not fair

Like · Reply · 22h

9(2)(a) fags against men like they r

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9(2)(a) Pisses me off really. No business at all playing against natural born females! It is dangerous and have far too many physical advantages. Be and identify with what ever you wanna be but leave the sports alone.

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9(2)(a) yeh hes alrdy broken a womans leg ...

Like · Reply · 18h

9(2)(a) They should only compete in their original sex

Like · Reply · 21h

9(2)(a) He's showing them women athletes equality

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9(2)(a) ripd of woman

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9(2)(a)

..fagit shd compete against his own ..queer cunt

Like · Reply · 21h · Edited

9(2)(a)

itz like da russian who beat our shotput lady

Like · Reply · 21h

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9(2)(a)

Trans can change hormone levels, appearance, genitalia but they will always have the advantage of a males bone structure which is significantly different and advantageous imo



Like · Reply · 21h

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9(2)(a)

can't change your chromosomes

Like · Reply · 21h

9(2)(a)

spoil or xpected to much frm dad

Like · Reply · 21h

9(2)(a)

more replies
If course he will genius!

Like · Reply · 21h

9(2)(a)

Not fair for females

Like · Reply · 21h

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9(2)(a)

st8 up fagit got no balls to take his own on

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9(2)(a)

Weasel that couldn't beat other men so it decided to bully women. It's a puke.

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Against

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9(2)(a)

Cheating bullsh&t

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9(2)(a) Cheating crnt
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9(2)(a) FFS ,WTF
Like · Reply · 21h 1

9(2)(a)



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9(2)(a) bullocks!! totally wrong
Like · Reply · 20h 3

9(2)(a) Fix this shit up FFS who let this crap happen ?
Like · Reply · 20h 4

9(2)(a) Uh the moral absolutists.
Like · Reply · 15h

9(2)(a) It's ma'am
Like · Reply · 20h 3

9(2)(a) hey 9(2)(a) how's things?
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9(2)(a) This is wrong ...
Like · Reply · 19h

9(2)(a) This very wrong it's a man in a woman's world
Like · Reply · 17h 1

9(2)(a) OMG if you going to make your own choice to change then fine . It's you want to compete like that against others then you should still have to go up against others that are the same as you , or at least biologically the same .
Like · Reply · 17h 4

9(2)(a) Apparently the NWO don't think women are human.
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9(2)(a) A dude puts on a dress and you people lose

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your friends, is it really that offensive or are you all just snowflakes/closet homosexuals?

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9(2)(a) he can wear all the dresses he wants but to compete against women is an unfair advantage.

Like · Reply · 15h

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9(2)(a) Right cause womens AFL is highly popular among kiwi males? If anything it makes the shit watchable hahaha

Like · Reply · 15h

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9(2)(a) Couldn't handle playing against his own gender just a bully in sheep's clothing Bloody sick that governing body's allow this crap. real woman have no chance .

Like · Reply · 16h

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9(2)(a) Can't beat men so play as a woman lol

Like · Reply · 16h

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9(2)(a) that is fuxking stupid

Like · Reply · 15h

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9(2)(a)



GIPHY

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9(2)(a) It's simple FFS.. If you are born with a dick you're a bloke, if it's a vagina when you are born you're a female.. No X-gender.. What next.. This guy says he's a woman, NO WAY HE IS..... I suppose the next thing he says is that he's a Lesbian as well..

Like · Reply · 15h

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9(2)(a) ^^. Someone said it

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9(2)(a)

Noooo no matter what anyone says... physically as a man will always win.This is wrong anatomy wise.....

Like · Reply · 15h

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9(2)(a)

It's pretty damn simple if you have an XX chromosome your female and XY your male....

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9(2)(a)

Pc drivel gone mad. In sport you are not alowd to to take inhancong Drugs to obtain an unfair advantage, but if your a man, you can hand in yr... See More

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9(2)(a)

Whats the next one? ' Musclebound Female Transgender Dominates Mens Sports? Even stevens then

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9(2)(a)

That's just wrong and should be aloud in this sport

Like · Reply · 14h

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9(2)(a)

Good shit

Like · Reply · 14h

9(2)(a)

Hahahahaha, dude this is nuts.....New definition of Dominating

Like · Reply · 14h

9(2)(a)

It's a Man, simple

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9(2)(a)

It's a known fact that men are stronger physically.....Probably disadvantaged in certain sports categories when playing in women's grade

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

Looks like she's saying "It's Spam"

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

Cheating pure and simple

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

Cause it's dominating woman's sports. It's a man

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

Why not create a team where transgenders can play against/with each other

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

Might have enough to field a team.

Like · Reply · 12h

9(2)(a)

Imagine that tough 1 from Australia 1 from Germany 1 from NZ or where ever. Forgot that bruce Jenner lol.

Like · Reply · 11h

9(2)(a)

kick it in the nuts

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

it's not got nuts lol

Like · Reply · 9h

9(2)(a)

bull shit it may not have balls but it has nuts

Like · Reply · 8h

9(2)(a)

Or just stop male and female teams all together do it on height and weight whatever

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

Maybe in the future we will arrange competitors based on their body's muscle percentage. Easy to do.

Like · Reply · 13h

9(2)(a)

Stop allowing the changes to happen...let pple do what they want to their own bodies but you are either born with one or the other ..simple. good idea 9(2)(a) they have there own team...

Like · Reply · 13h

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9(2)(a)

Sick rubbish!

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9(2)(a)

Start a competition just for transgenders .

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Like · Reply · 12h

9(2)(a)

Haha taking cheating to the next level, people can claim what they like but thats still got the genetic make up of a man!

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Like · Reply · 12h

9(2)(a)

Should have a transgender categories

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Like · Reply · 12h

9(2)(a)

★ What a disgrace

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9(2)(a)

It just not cricket

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Like · Reply · 12h

9(2)(a)

What a joke

Like · Reply · 12h

9(2)(a)

Punch the cunt out

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Like · Reply · 11h

9(2)(a)

What a heap of shit!!!!

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Like · Reply · 11h

9(2)(a)

People need to "boy"cott this sport if they gonna let this shit slide!

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9(2)(a)

I'm actually all for people being whoever they want to be. I can't imagine how difficult it must be growing up a boy but feeling entirely like a girl or vice versa, but there's got to be some kind of leveller when it comes to sports. Perhaps some kind of handicap given?

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9(2)(a)

or a separate event for transgender to compete against transgender. That way it would be fair competition.

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9(2)(a)

Are these people then handicap?

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9(2)(a)

Should not be allowed...unfair...brian might think its female..but body still male..so unfair...they need to start own games..transgender games

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9(2)(a)

agreed!

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9(2)(a)

That's actually not a bad idea.

Like · Reply · 10h

9(2)(a)

Wrong. Quite wrong. A lifetime of male muscle building is not cancelled out by a temporarily low testosterone level.

Like · Reply · 11h

9(2)(a)

But "women and men are equals with no great advantage over one another"? Obviously not the case

Like · Reply · 11h

9(2)(a)

She still got a mans brain can perv on all the tits an pussies it likes ...

Like · Reply · 10h

9(2)(a)

Utterly stupid statement. Gender equality, has nothing to do with physical attributes. It's about status. They'll never be physically equal and thank god for that.

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9(2)(a)

Equality?

Like · Reply · 10h

9(2)(a)

Lol Straight up cheaters doesn't matter if he changed him self to a chick that mah fucker still a man

Like · Reply · 9h

9(2)(a)

Some personally would categorize this shit, in the same thinking as taking of illegal steroids in sports.

Like · Reply · 9h

9(2)(a)

My thoughts..... I'm totally offended by this. Ffs

Like · Reply · 8h

9(2)(a)

that shit's not fair

Like · Reply · 7h

9(2)(a)

Rules need to be changed. Transgender would have a different strength. Have to start transgender sports too

Like · Reply · 6h

9(2)(a)

It should be illegal for transgender people to compete with normal women. Of course they're going to win. They have a different muscle structure to women

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9(2)(a)

Not fair

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9(2)(a)

It shouldn't matter if she's trans u r who u feel u r we should all b treated equally

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9(2)(a)

haha i feel like a millionaire but it doesnt make me one now does it! Lets stop being silly aka PC its getting beyond a joke haha

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9(2)(a)

Just saying hating on a trans that's doing a women's sports ain't right ya shallow jerk

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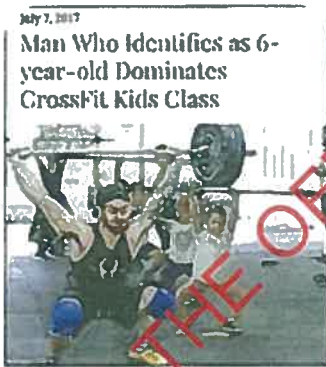
see this shit a lot, you want to be accepted as a woman fine in general but biological fact you're born male so have an unfair advantage. OK with trans men wanting to do men's sport.

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9(2)(a)

There was a whole crackup article on this but now it's privately hidden away.



m/ao

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9(2)(a)

Give them a category of there own. Unfair advantage.

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9(2)(a)

should compete in a trans category not fair on those who have trained hard in their sport .to have someone like that having to compete against unfair

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9(2)(a)

Why have men's and woman's race's. Let's all compete together.....

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9(2)(a)

it seems that they don't lol

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9(2)(a)

lol

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9(2)(a) Shouldn't be Allowed He is a man by birth not a Female.....Not right unfair Advantage.

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9(2)(a) Wrong !!

Like · Reply · 3h

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9(2)(a) Not fair strength of a man body of a woman

Like · Reply · 2h

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9(2)(a) kick him in da nuts

Like · Reply · 2h

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9(2)(a) EQUAL RIGHTS CUUUUZ

Like · Reply · 1h

9(2)(a) Yes I believe in equal rights too,, but that law would be stronger than most women,, good on her

Like · Reply · 1h

9(2)(a) Wtf happy with more woman getting hurt buy this thing Just wrong

Like · Reply · 1h

9(2)(a) What are they trying to prove?

Like · Reply · 1h

9(2)(a) Not a woman.. is a man.. how is this even an issue?

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9(2)(a) Pumpkin eater

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9(2)(a) identify as a woman all you want but when it comes to things like this your male genetics are an unfair advantage in women's sports.... You can't just magically turn your Y chromosome into an X just saying...

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9(2)(a) U are a fucking Man U pussy man up

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 12:54 PM
To: T Martin (MIN) <t.martin@ministers.govt.nz>
Cc: G Robertson (MIN) <G.Robertson@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: Self ID / women's sport

Hi Tracey,

I sat next to you at dinner at a business NZ event at the Cordis late last year, you probably go to many of these so don't expect you to remember me.

I write to you as a concerned citizen about the self ID proposal. Where a man (or vice versa) can get a statutory declaration (only) to say they are now a woman.

I urge you to reconsider this or at least have some public consultation. This change would allow men to turn up at sports events and enter as a woman. They would have a huge advantage.

They don't even need to have started any treatment to be a transgender to call themselves a trans woman. Based on their birth certificate the organiser would have no choice but to allow them to enter.

Grant, I went down to the Cambridge velodrome on Saturday night and was great to see so many women cyclists competing. How would they feel if they had to compete with a man?

I may be worrying, but it's already happening in the world (Google Rachel Mckinnon) and can only have a negative effect on women's sports.

Can you help to protect women's rights ?

Kind Regards

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 12:12 AM
To: Jacinda Ardern
Subject: Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill

Dear Ms Ardern

I am writing regarding the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill. I am a lawyer and a Labour voter.

I support the right of trans people to live freely and without suffering hatred or discrimination. However, I am not sure that sex self-ID is the right way to achieve this. It seems to me to be a radical change to the legal concept of 'male' and 'female' which is important in a number of areas in society.

I am concerned that the bill will affect the government's ability to compile statistics on matters such as crime, and in particular sexual and violent crimes. Studies show that, as a group, people who were born male retain male patterns of violence even after they have transitioned to female. In other words, they remain more likely to commit violent crime than to fall victim to it. This is illustrated by the British case of Karen White, born male, who continued to sexually assault women after adopting a female identity and being transferred to a women's prison. Like most males who choose to live as women, Karen White retained her male genitalia and her sexuality remained heterosexual i.e. she wanted to have penetrative (nonconsensual) sex with women using what the news media referred to as 'her' penis. We therefore now have news reports about women raping women.

If sex self-ID is adopted, crime statistics will indeed reflect this bizarre idea. Women will be recorded as having committed crimes in accordance with male patterns of criminal behaviour.

I note that even some trans people are against sex self-ID. Debbie Hayton and Miranda Yardley are prominent trans writers who are concerned that sex self-ID removes legitimacy from trans women's claim to live as women, since it allows anyone to transition without any objective evidence. These writers point out that the whole point of sex self-ID is that it is based purely on feelings.

Renee Richards, a trans woman athlete, has stated that biological males should not be allowed to compete in women's sports. She regrets having done so herself.

Issues also arise in relation to spaces created to protect women's privacy, dignity and safety, such as girls' changing rooms, single-sex organisations such as Girl Guides, women's refuges and women's prisons.

I ask that the government conduct a thorough review of the impact that the bill might have on women, particularly vulnerable women and girls, before voting for sex self-ID.

I am happy to provide you with evidence of everything I have said in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 31 January 2019 10:11 PM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Self-ID

I'm writing to express my objection to the proposed changes to the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill.

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- What about women's sport? Should women have to compete against male-bodied people on the basis of "identity"?

- What are the implications for reliable statistics, upon which government policy is created? What are the implications for health, crime statistics, and sex differentiation in employment & pay, if self-ID is introduced?
- What happens to the definition of biological sex, which is a protected category? How can this be reconciled with self-ID?
- What are the implications for women's sex based protections under the Human Rights Act?

The wider public must be made broadly aware of these changes, and appropriate risk assessment must be carried out before any changes are made – not as a 'review' in five years time, as has been recommended.

I urge you to raise this issue with your party caucus, with a view to reconsidering your party's voting stance.

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To: Rt. Hon. Winston Peters <Winston.Peters@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: No self sex ID

Tena koe,

I oppose these changes.
Don't be so 'woke'.
Dangerous path to go down.
No one gets to deny their past.
It is not a human right to alter birth certificates.
Transwomen are transwomen.
Women should not have to cede safe places for men.
New Zealand has a terrible domestic violence problem perpetrated by men.
Look to overseas where it has become a problem and learn from this free for all.
Tracey Martin, engage in debate with Ani O'Brien.
I fear a return to the 'tranny bashing days'
We all know trans exist. We enter into a level of pretence when we accept them. Not once have I ever thought that trans women are women.
Placing transwomen in women only spaces can and will lead to the deviant fringe accessing these spaces.
Why do women have to be in a jail with male rapists and other violent males.
Why do women have to be in women's refuge and be exposed to men.
You need to some thorough research before you decide to unleash this
Madness
Misogyny in drag

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Friday, 1 February 2019 1:08 PM

To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>; Rt. Hon. Winston Peters <Winston.Peters@parliament.govt.nz>; Darroch Ball <Darroch.Ball@parliament.govt.nz>; Hon Shane Jones <Shane.Jones@parliament.govt.nz>; Fletcher Tabuteau <Fletcher.Tabuteau@parliament.govt.nz>; Jenny Marcroft <Jennifer.Marcroft@parliament.govt.nz>; Hon Ron Mark <Ron.Mark@parliament.govt.nz>; Clayton Mitchell <Clayton.Mitchell@parliament.govt.nz>; Mark Patterson <Mark.Patterson@parliament.govt.nz>

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From: Secretary LRAA [<mailto:lesbianrightsalliance.aotearoa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, 1 February 2019 3:48 PM
To: T Martin (MIN) <t.martin@ministers.govt.nz>; Hon Julie Anne Genter <JulieAnne.Genter@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: BDMRRA Alterations & Impact Assessment

Tēnā korua Hon Tracey Martin and Hon Julie Anne Genter,

We are a nationwide collective of lesbian women advocating for the rights and wellbeing of lesbians in New Zealand. We assert our right to be an exclusively female, exclusively lesbian organisation under Section 19 of the Bill of Rights Act 1990.

The proposed changes to the BDMRRA represent risks to all New Zealand women, particularly lesbians.

We are writing to you both as we understand no women's groups have been approached for consultation on the proposed changes to the Act in favour of implementing 'one step' self declaration of legal sex on birth certificates. The National Council of Women NZ have not consulted their membership base about sex self-ID or carried out an independent impact assessment.

We were advised in 2018 by Hon Tracey Martin's staff to submit our views regarding the change to the law via this report, however we have recently found out Hon Tracey Martin's office never received our report.

Hon Julie Anne Genter, we hope you can help advocate for us as Minister for Women and ensure Hon Tracey Martin sees our report before the Bill moves on to Second Reading.

Sincerely,

The Lesbian Rights Alliance Aotearoa

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Friday, 1 February 2019 8:50 AM

To: Mark Patterson <Mark.Patterson@parliament.govt.nz>; Hon Tracey Martin

<Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: BDMRR Bill

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The wider public must be made broadly aware of these changes, and appropriate risk assessment must be carried out before any changes are made – not as a 'review' in five years time, as has been recommended.

I urge you to raise this issue with your party caucus, with a view to reconsidering your party's voting stance.

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 1 February 2019 11:31 AM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Rt. Hon. Winston Peters <Winston.Peters@parliament.govt.nz>; Hon Shane Jones <Shane.Jones@parliament.govt.nz>; Hon Ron Mark <Ron.Mark@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Proposed changes to the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill

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Kind regards,

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Friday, 1 February 2019 12:23 PM

To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>; Rt. Hon. Winston Peters <Winston.Peters@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Your Proposed Changes to the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill

I'm writing to express my objection to the proposed changes being pushed through without consultation by the govt you are a part of, and by you especially Tracey Martin, to the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill - and am struggling to believe this is something NZ First would support.

I only became aware this was happening after listening to the radio yesterday and believe most of the public are entirely ignorant of these changes, and the implications of them. They need to be publicised and debated, and the appropriate risk assessment carried out before any changes are made – not as a 'review' in five years time, which has been recommended. This is NOT about excluding the trans community but about ensuring that if the law is changed, it protects ALL of us, not just a few, who we fully recognise have been marginalised for years and need a solution that works for them too. We need a respectful debate if we are to have laws that balance the rights of everyone.

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- What are the implications for women's sex based protections under the Human Rights Act?

I urge you to reconsider both your party's support and voting stance on this, and be brave enough to do the right thing and consult - for a party that who pushes binding referendums that let the public have their say, this lack of consultation is appalling.

Regards

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 7 February 2019 9:06 AM
To: Meredith Lawry <Meredith.Lawry@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: BDMRR Bill Amendments

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2019 10:24 PM
Subject: BDMRR Bill Amendments

Dear Ministers and MPs,

I have heard, to my great concern, that the Births, Deaths, Marriages, Relationships Registration Act; is undergoing significant change behind closed doors. If all the proposed amendments are passed, people will be able to change the sex recorded on their Birth Certificate simply by making a Statutory Declaration witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. This is not acceptable and as you are representing New Zealand, I expect you to listen to the concerns of your citizens, and act accordingly.

Firstly, changing the sex of a person on their birth certificate is actually falsifying an historic record. It doesn't matter whether the person feels or thinks they are 'trapped in the wrong body'. The fact is, they were born male or female, and that is what the birth certificate records - the facts of their birth. It is a very important document which should not be changed on a whim.

Secondly, allowing people to self-identify as the opposite sex poses grave problems for medical staff involved in their care. Men and women require different health services and check ups from one another due to their different anatomy, physiology, and hormonal balance. Women are offered breast and cervical checks to ensure they don't have cancer. Men don't have breasts or cervixes, but if they self-ID as women, and have their birth certificate changed - how will medical staff from their local practice be able to tell that from looking at their official records? Men need prostate checks, not cervical smears etc! And vice versa for the women who decide to self-ID as men.

Also, medical prescriptions can, and must differ according to people's biological sex. Men and women react differently to prescribed drugs, require different dosages, and may have different underlying issues which must be treated accordingly. If a woman self-IDs as a man for example, (s)he may present to the doctor with a sickness, get a prescription for the amount a **man** of that weight would need, but then suffer an overdose because he(r) metabolism cannot cope with the dose! Our medical staff are already under a lot of stress, and have been striking over their pay and working conditions. Allowing self-ID and forcing doctors and nurses to treat their patients as belonging to the opposite of their birth sex may be the final straw. Imagine the outcry if some malpractice occurred because of a mistake made by a doctor due to a misrepresenting patient?! Please don't legislate to allow this confusion to add to the stress our medical staff are already under.

As much as a transsexual may wish to live as the opposite sex, their bodies are still as they were made, unless they have had the sex-specific parts removed, and this is the current level of change required for a change of their birth certificate. Allowing birth certificates to be falsified to satisfy the feelings of the person will not be helpful in promoting their health and wellbeing - it will have the opposite effect.

Thirdly, allowing people to self-ID as the opposite sex will put many others in situations of unnecessary stress and danger. This is particularly true for women and children, the weaker members of our population. Current law allows for the protection of all people by dividing them according to sex when using changing rooms, bathrooms, prisons, and sex-specific services such as women's refuges. This simple, easy to understand division has served us well for many years. If a man is found in a ladies changing room or toilet (or vice versa) - they can be immediately identified and told to leave forthwith to allow the safety and privacy of the sex who belong there. Allowing easy access to self-ID would be terribly confusing and intimidating to the majority of the population who prefer the status quo.

If people are allowed to self-ID as the opposite sex without any actual change to their bodies, this will lead to great difficulty in keeping people safe. It would be very easy for a man to self-ID as a woman, allowing him access to women's changing rooms, toilets, and refuges. This would be disturbing to women and girls using such spaces **even if he doesn't harm or annoy them**. But such men who would decide to self-ID as a woman without any surgery, may easily do so for nefarious purposes. We need to protect our women and girls from sexual harassment and abuse - not make it easier for disturbed and dangerous men to change their identities to 'female' so they can invade their safe spaces and do whatever they like there!

I think the reverse is less likely to happen, but it would still be disturbing for a self-identifying 'man' with a woman's body to go into a male changing room or toilet. Men and boys like their privacy too, and it wouldn't be good for them to have the temptation to lust when they are supposed to be in a male only area. Also, young boys could be at risk if a particularly predatory female decided to self-ID as male so she could have easier access to them. I'm not making this stuff up, we do have people in prison for such crimes already. Why make it easier for them?!

Also, vulnerable people like young children in daycare, elderly and the disabled rely on caregivers to provide intimate cares such as help with showering, bathing, and toileting. They need to have the security of knowing that such services will be provided by a caregiver who is safe and trustworthy, and for the adults if requested, of the same sex as them. Allowing self-ID would make it very easy for our already vulnerable people to be abused by caregivers masquerading as the opposite sex. We already have had some absolutely dreadful cases of abuse of our children, and the elderly and disabled without this added difficulty.

Do you have an elderly relative being cared for in a rest home or in their own home? Would you want your great-aunt or grandma facing the embarrassment of a 'female' caregiver with stubble on his face doing their intimate care? Would you want your great-uncle or granddad blushing with embarrassment as a 'male' caregiver they requested actually turns out to be a woman in disguise? And worse, would you want those relatives facing intimidation, coercion, or abuse if those caregivers were confused and disturbed individuals? [I'm not being rude, transsexuals have a far higher rate of mental health problems even if allowed to self-ID]

The elderly patient would be at a grave disadvantage in such a situation, and the strident lobbyists who are pushing for self-ID would not allow justice to be done properly either, because they would make it out to be all about protecting transsexual's rights. Never mind the victim's rights, which justice is supposed to be serving.

Another problem with allowing easy access to self-ID is in sports. Most physical sports contests are divided by sex to allow fair competition without unfair advantage. Men are on average stronger, faster, and more agile than women. This is a good thing when they are competing amongst themselves, but it confers an unfair advantage when they compete against women. Self-ID in the USA has **already** been allowing boys and men to compete and win events supposed to be solely for girls or women.

I thought that our Ministry of Health was encouraging physical activity and exercise? I doubt many girls or women will be keen to compete in sports, especially professionally, if they have to compete against boys or men self-identifying as girls or women. And I very much doubt that it would go the other way. Even if a girl or woman did self-ID as a boy or man, they would be likely to lose any sports contests if they try to join the male side.

To summarise, self-ID of sex is an absurdity, and allowing people's subjective opinion to decide what sex is recorded on their birth certificate is confusing, unhelpful, and downright dangerous. We need historic records kept intact. That is the only way that all people (including transsexuals) can access appropriate healthcare; and the only way to objectively decide which sports teams and other sex-specific services are appropriate for each individual. Please don't be swayed by all the emotion and rhetoric of the LGBTQIA+ lobbyists. We need to keep sex divisions intact, not blur the lines with self-ID backed up by falsified official documents.

Please apply wisdom, not emotion to your decision making. May you be granted the wisdom and courage you need to make decisions that are best for our **nation** not just certain **individuals**.

Kind Regards,

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 7 February 2019 11:51 AM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Regarding the BDMRR Bill

Hi Tracey,

I hope you had a restful Waitangi Day, and that you have a moment to consider the following.

I am very concerned to hear that the controversial proposed BDMRR Bill changes, which you have responsibility for, are being brought to Parliament next month without wider consultation, as is appropriate in a democracy, or consideration for long term implications.

New Zealand has just celebrated 125 years of women's rights being enshrined in law, a campaign that you directly benefit from as a woman MP. We are such a privileged country! But by allowing the BDMRR Bill changes to go through, you would in essence remove the value of this hard fought right by blurring the lines between men and women. If a man can register as a woman, what value is the unique perspective of a biological woman? How does "his" opinion differ from hers? And why do we care? How does she reconcile the reality of the gender pay gap when he can become her and she can become him? If a transgender woman acquires a top job at a powerful company does this count towards the "women in top jobs" tally? Does the significance of being alumni of a girls' school disappear?

Then there is the destruction of accurate public records, statistics, medical treatment, educational grants and research, maternity leave allowances and employment opportunities. All of these are open to misuse and exploitation given the allowances of this bill.

The point is not that those who identify as transgender can be granted certain protections. The point is recognising what those allowances will bring upon the country as a whole and as a Member of Parliament, I respectfully suggest that your job is not to represent one group's interests but to balance them against the needs of our whole population. Therefore I am asking you to bring this bill into the public sphere and speak to those most affected - NOT just the transgender community. Speak to women, doctors, midwives, cleaners, lawyers, mothers, Boards of Trustees - everyone who has the potential to be affected - and then act accordingly.

I look forward to seeing action taken.

Kind Regards,

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Sunday, 10 February 2019 9:05 PM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Changes to births deaths and marriage bill

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 14 February 2019 10:37 AM
To: T Martin (MIN) <t.martin@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: Trans rights are human rights

Tracey. I know this.

THEY DO NOT GET MORE.

Please reconsider changing the Births, Deaths, Marriages etc law to allow self-ID. Who else gets to deny their entire existence and past?

Men are not women. The TRAs who claim men with penises in dresses are women is risible: it is not 'girdick' as TRAs blithely tell you. It's a penis, Tracey. Men have penises. Put a dress on, makeup, sing it a little song, give it a nickname, worship it, however, until you transition and make it into a neo-vagina, you're a man. NO amount of hatred, calling by TRAs for me to be raped to death, beheaded, killed, stabbed or attacked will make men suddenly women.

So.... a man can call himself a woman, under this law, if changed. He then has access to our spaces, our scholarships, public money, services. All because he says so. And don't think for a minute that predators and paedos won't use this law - they already are, overseas. Our women prisoners will be at risk (UK is providing separate transgender wings now, because of this) and all women will be at risk of losing out to men in dresses.

Again, if you have a penis, you're a man. I didn't make the rules of biology. Quick question: if these men get prostate cancer, are they magically men again for treatment? Or will the TRAs insist on calling it a new name, the way they're trying to jam their ideology and new words down our necks? I will never kowtow to the delusion that males with penises are women. Cis, chest-feeding (what a joke), girdick - my personal bugbear. To have women claiming men in dresses are 'lesbians' and if a woman doesn't want to date them they're transphobic, wake me the fuck up. That is ridiculous, risible and you know it, surely?

To call any of this into question labels you transphobic.

I'm a proud TERF if it means men don't get access to our money, our spaces, our time and rights, simply by putting on a dress. Remember, if you don't transition, you can pop a suit on and go back to being Michael anytime you like and take up all the male privilege that comes with it.

Let alone the fact that JUST 53 people signed this petition to get a law change. Fuck that - that is not democracy, being held to ransom by 53 deeply unhappy and conflicted people. #Forshame

Yet if I try to raise any of my concerns at our rangitahi being preyed on (autistic, Asperger's, depressed, all being targeted by TRAs saying 'you're a boy/girl, silly!' and guess who benefits? Big Pharma and their puberty blockers, fake penises and so forth. Children who are merely challenged are being told they're trans; this ideology is being forced on our youth. #Noton

Also, consider: if men become women, they're women now, trans rights are redundant - why not just ask for women's rights, cos they're women? Seems they want to be that little bit special-er than everyone else... though why anyone would WANT to be a woman in this ugly man's world - less pay, beaten raped and battered with impunity. THIS is what they need to be fighting for: women's rights. Not men in dresses rights as this is simply #MisogynyInDrag

Sincerely

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Sunday, 17 February 2019 6:52 PM
To: Rt. Hon. Winston Peters <Winston.Peters@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Community Consultation and OIA questions.

Kia Ora Mr Peters,

I am writing regarding the lack of consultation on the far reaching changes made to the BDMRR Bill at the select committee stage. I have three questions to ask under the OIA. In regard to changing sex on birth certificates, the new amendments remove all checks and balances and allow instead a statutory declaration and a small fee to be all that is required of any adult to change their sex.

My concern is in regard to men having an easy and purely administrative pathway into the female sex and from there, a legally supported open door into all and every female space.

I don't believe this is the intended purpose of the amendment, but even unintentionally allowing predatory men such an easy entree into sensitive female space is not acceptable- and especially not with such clear legal authority.

- 1) Have you as leader of NZ First received any reports, advice or opinions on the amendments made to the bill at select committee stage regarding the changes and how women and the protection afforded women in human rights law could be unintentionally effected, from NZ First or from Government and if so could I have a copy?
- 2) Do you believe such a far reaching change in law should be carried out behind closed doors without public consultation?
- 3) Do you support the bill as is or in its original form where change to sex requires an application and process through the family court?
- 3) I notice that clause 74 as follows has been removed. Could you please explain the significance of this and if the bill is passed, how will sex determination then relate to the general law of NZ?

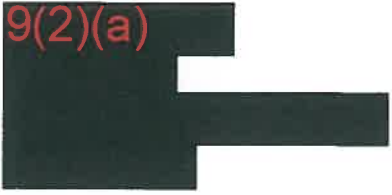
~~74 New information not to affect general law~~

~~Despite this Part, the sex of every person must continue to be determined by reference to the general law of New Zealand.~~

~~Compare: 1995 No 16 s 33~~

Thank you for taking the time to consider these concerns and I await any information you can provide.

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 18 February 2019 3:35 PM

To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Proposed Self ID legislation.

Dear Tracey

I am concerned to hear of proposed changes to the current law. It seems to me, from the reading and research I have done, that the implications of such a change have not been well considered and that they have been mooted in response to pressure from a group who hold an ideological viewpoint rather than one founded on solid scientific evidence. Please note my objection to any relaxation of current law.

Yours faithfully

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 20 February 2019 10:27 AM

To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>; Rt. Hon. Winston Peters

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<Mark.Patterson@parliament.govt.nz>; Fletcher Tabuteau <Fletcher.Tabuteau@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Self Identification in the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Bill

I'm writing to express my objection to the proposed changes to the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill.

You'll be aware that the changes proposed to this act include a move to allow the process of changing the registered sex on a birth certificate to a one step declaration (Self- ID).

Unfortunately some men will inevitably use this simple process with potentially disastrous consequences, causing issues and risks in otherwise 'safe' spaces...such as single sex changing rooms, women's prisons, changing rooms, rape crisis centres?

I'm also concerned for such issues as women's sport, where women should not have to compete against male-bodied people on the basis of "self-identification".

There are certain areas where biology really matters, such as health treatments. And changing one's identity, particularly a simple self-identification will lead to potentially unreliable treatments and future policies.

This policy seems to be introduced by stealth and yet it is fundamental enough to warrant wide consultation at the very least.

I cannot understand how this relates to NZ First Policies generally and am confused why your party would be championing the bill.

Note: My comments only apply to the low threshold of self-identification.

For more information on this issue, visit www.speakupforwomen.nz

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 21 February 2019 4:01 PM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: The Births Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill & Gender Self-ID

Kia ora Tracey,

Happy New Year. I hope you have had a good break.

I wanted to raise my concerns about the proposed changes to this bill which will permit self-id for transgender people. As the person steering the Bill I am concerned to hear that you have not met with Speak Up For Women who are raising concerns. I would be keen to meet either as an individual, who is part of the Speak Up For Women campaign. More usefully you might respond to the standing invitation from that organisation to be briefed properly about their concerns on this important matter. I've been supporting the [Speak Up For Women](#) campaign that is seeking a proper consultation process and a review of the impacts including on recording crime and health statistics and the likely impact on women's safe spaces & sex related services before the legislation is introduced for its second reading.

Here are my reasons:

I have worked on various political campaigns but when I saw what was happening with Self-Id and looked more deeply into the ramifications of transactivist ideology I came to understand that there are some legitimate and serious concerns about creating a class of people who are able to change their recorded sex identity at will

irrespective of whether they make any other medical changes or receive any counselling. As you know the provisions were added to the legislation after the Select Committee that were not signalled in the draft, otherwise solely administrative, bill and so not open for public debate. That the unanticipated impacts, which were warned of by a DIA paper, but not taken account of, is of concern.

Self-id will allow anyone to change their birth sex on their birth certificate by a simple declaration. The current process is laborious and time consuming and I would like to see it made easier (– even though as a science graduate and a feminist I don't actually believe that people can actually change sex.) But I think that a wholesale change allowing someone to self-declare their gender will create an irrevocable change that has many potential unexamined downsides. These include to women's spaces (like changing rooms and toilets) and services (like sexual abuse counselling) as well as serious impacts on [women's sport](#) & on statistical reporting. Analysis of the UK prison system indicates that women's prisons will have significant numbers of transwomen – and mostly physically male – if the UK legislation is passed and [research by Speak Up For Women's sister organisation](#) there has outlined the many risks. Similar impacts are likely here and even without self-id an OIA reported that 6 transwomen (male people) on women assaults were recorded in two years. Most people are unaware that most men who call themselves women – something like 80% - remain physically intact males. And the best available evidence is that transwomen retain the same offending patterns as men in general.

A similar consultation in the UK resulted in more than 100,000 submissions and much adverse publicity & opposition has meant that the [Select Committee head has effectively withdrawn her support for the Bill](#). Even academic and former UK Human Rights Commissioner Trevor Philipps who introduced the original UK Gender Recognition Act has said that [self-id is a risk to the broader equality work of the government](#).

I've also [written about the UK experience](#) contrasting it with NZ and linked to a number of articles from both sides of the debate. Also I believe trans ideology (which includes mandating language about female biology, replacing sex with gender in official data and in law, [and shutting down people who doubt that people can actually change sex](#)) has the power to damage the government and our democracy. The UK Green Party [has been torn apart](#) by the ramifications of enthusiastic support for all aspects of trans ideology. There are echoes of the same issues here. It's a difficult issue because of the anger it generates amongst trans people and especially their supporters, but I do encourage you to take a critical look, and to seek more information, before introducing the bill without a proper consultation and impact analysis for its Second Reading.

With best wishes for the year ahead.

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2019 1:59 PM
To: Erica Mangin <Erica.Mangin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Sex self-id issue and a Scottish MP speaking up

Kia ora Erica,

I thought it would be good to make Minister Martin aware that an MP in Scotland has taken the courageous step of outlining some of the important issues of gender and sex that are highly pertinent to the situation in NZ. (You may be aware that worldwide very few politicians have taken a public stance on this issue yet and it could be heartening for her to know others are starting to do this.)

Joan McAlpine is an MP in the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood in Edinburgh and she has laid out her thinking on how government should work with gender and sex in statistical terms, confirmed that sex is at basis biological and outlined her disappointment with 'traditional' well established women's groups and the long established gay/lesbian groups who receive significant amounts of government money but who have seen fit to allow they to be conflated and confused allowing unfunded women's groups and individuals to shoulder the burden of speaking up.

Like much important these days! it was published as a set of tweets starting here.

<https://twitter.com/JoanMcAlpine/status/1101251118611525633>

I'm emailing it to you in case you think it could be useful for Minister Martin. With best wishes

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 27 February 2019 9:12 AM
To: 'Erica Mangin' <Erica.Mangin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Thank you and a suggestion

Kia ora Erica,

Thank you for your response. When I reread my letter I realised that I had made a few errors. I wonder if you could provide this version for the Minister. I have made a correction to para 5 to make the content read more clearly. A missing quote mark, misplaced bracket and a small clarification to the text.

Many thanks & best wishes.

From: Erica Mangin <Erica.Mangin@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 February 2019 8:57 AM
To: 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Thank you and a suggestion

Dear 9(2)(a)

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence. The correspondence will be given to the Minister for her consideration, and if appropriate, her response.

Kind regards,

Erica Mangin
Private Secretary for the Minister of Internal Affairs
Hon Tracey Martin

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 25 February 2019 11:37 PM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: 9(2)(a)
Subject: Thank you and a suggestion

Dear Minister Martin,

Thank you for your decision announced today to withdraw the BDMRR Bill pending further research and consultation and congratulations on your effective fielding of Corin Dann's rather one-sided questions just now. Although I have been involved in the campaign from the point of view of Speak Up For Women – it is a campaign that recognises the need for the concerns of all sides in the issue to be addressed. It strikes me that there may be a way through the coming consultation process that may be able to create a durable and agreeable solution which is better than the usual Select Committee process. It may even be possible to wrap up some of the many public policy issues that the work requires in a consultation process.

As you will be aware government officials and civil society participants alike recognise the sometimes poor use of the public voice in policy making. Open ended consultation with citizens both as consumers of services and shapers of policy and legislation are a key part of ensuring outcomes that are widely acceptable, stable and enduring. As you have mentioned the UK had almost four months for their consultation.

As in the UK the debate on the transgender self-id issue in NZ has caused a great deal of heat and very little light. The issues are controversial with both sides of the debate feeling strongly that their 'existence is under threat'. Trans people feel invalidated by their rights to self-assessment and therefore self-determination being put aside. Many women like those in Speak Up For Women are concerned that trans gender people's rights are supplanting the rights of women to the protections of sex-based protections of the Human Rights Act Legislation and see the downsides including a sense of appropriation of the category of woman by trans people. The issues are complex and highly emotional for many involved.

The issue might be an ideal one on which to take a consultation approach that is different from the usual collection of submissions from either side and to delve deeper into the underlying issues of invalidation from both sides to try and create an enduring solution that can be encoded legally.

As Julian Norman, one of the speakers at tomorrow night's Speak up For Women public meeting has said -

"Failure to share someone's belief is not the same as mockery or disdain for it. It cannot be beyond the wit of the legislature to protect the beliefs of those who believe they have an innate gender, protect the rights of others to agnosticism on the point, whilst also maintaining sex based protections."

I would like to suggest that the Open Government Partnership Action Plan run from the State Services Commission may have just the window to create such an enduring solution. NZ is in its third cycle of two year plans and the 2018-20 plan was launched in late 2018. Commitment Five is titled Public Participation in Policy Development of the recently released plan is to take the consultation on 1 issue beyond the 'consult' stage. See the [National Action Plan](#) page 23 et seq. Specifically commitment 5 involves the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet "identifying a 'live' policy issue in which to trial public engagement in policy development that is higher on the public participation spectrum than inform or consult, as a demonstration project". The approach is based on the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) model. It may be that the DPMC proposed deeper consultation topic has not been decided on and I would like to suggest that this consultation be put forward as a possible option.

Of course you may be some way down the track with decision making process for this. But in case there is some flexibility I have cc'ed Suzanne Snively who is I think the chair of the Expert Advisory Panel. The panel advise the State Services Commission from a civil society perspective - and I am sure that she could readily advise the prospects of including this consultation as part of the OGP process.

I would be keen to elaborate on these ideas and also to explain some of the work I did with 9(2)(a)

We carried out some

consultations on complex multi-faceted issues using a machine learning software tool pol.is. (9(2)(a) [REDACTED] experience is of course much broader than this.) We involved hundreds of people in a process that came up with fresh perspectives and identified policy approaches on issues that were as diverse as [tax policy](#), affordable housing and options for [policy around dietary sugar](#). The approach was a great way of encouraging people to engage with ideas rather than raising the emotional temperature as twitter and the other social media do. I am sure they would be keen to meet you to discuss how a really effective consultation process could be designed that might act as a model for other complex multi-dimensional issues.

Yours sincerely

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2019 8:08 PM
To: T Martin (MIN) <t.martin@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: Birth certificates

Dear Tracey

Re Changing gender on birth certificates

Birth certificates are a document which registers an event.
Just like a marriage certificate.

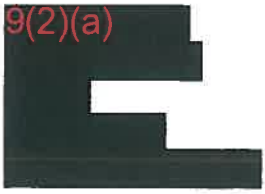
If you divorce you don't change the Marriage Certificate – you have a subsequent document changing your status.

So it is for the Birth Certificate – it registers a moment in time – subsequent events should be recorded in subsequent documents.

Regards

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From: 9(2)(a)
Date: Wednesday, 27 Feb 2019, 1:56 PM
To: Hon Tracey Martin <Tracey.Martin@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Trans self identification Bill.

Dear Tracey,

We would like to commend you for action in deferring this law change.

In our view, the system for gender identification as it stands is much more sensible/common sense, and enables those who have had changes made to their physical attributes a way to have their gender changed. Perhaps it would be possible to expedite the process for such people.

It would be a non sensical move to allow anybody at any time to change their gender on their birth certificate, when it is patently obvious that they are not the sex they wish to change into.

The idea of this reminds us of the story of The Emperor With No Clothes where people were fearful to state the obvious due to peer pressure of those around them.

Surely trans people don't need to change the sex on their birth certificate in order to live as they want to live.

Kind Regards,

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